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HOUSE COMMERCE ENGROSSED NO. **HB 1060** - 2/2/2009

This bill has been extensively amended (hoghoused) and may no longer be consistent with the original intention of the sponsor.

Introduced by: The Committee on Commerce at the request of the Department of Revenue and Regulation

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the mortgage lender
2 business and to provide for fees and penalties related thereto.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 54-14-12 be amended to read as follows:

5 54-14-12. Terms used in this chapter mean:

6 (1) "Depository institution," the same meaning as provided in 12 U.S.C. § 1813(c) as of
7 January 1, 2009, and includes any credit union;

8 (2) "Director," the director of the Division of Banking of the Department of Revenue and
9 Regulation;

10 ~~(2)~~(3) "Division," the Division of Banking of the Department of Revenue and Regulation;

11 (4) "Federal banking agencies," the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System,
12 the Comptroller of the Currency, the director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, the
13 National Credit Union Administration, and the Federal Deposit Insurance
14 Corporation;



(5) "Immediate family member," a spouse, child, sibling, parent, grandparent, grandchild, stepparent, stepchildren, stepsibling, and adoptive relationship;

(6) "Individual," a natural person;

~~(3)~~(7) "Licensee," the person holding a license provided by this chapter;

~~(4)~~(8) "Mortgage lender," any person who, for valuable consideration, originates, sells, or services mortgages, or holds himself, herself, or itself out as a person who, for valuable consideration, originates, sells, or services mortgages, other than those exempt pursuant to § 54-14-21;

~~(5)~~(9) "Mortgage broker," any person who, ~~for compensation or gain, acts as an intermediary between borrower and lender to assist a person in obtaining or applying to obtain a mortgage loan or holds himself, herself, or itself out as being able to assist a person in obtaining or applying to obtain a mortgage loan~~ acts as a mortgage loan originator and has not less than a ten percent interest in a mortgage brokerage;

~~(5A)~~(10) "Mortgage brokerage," any person engaged in placing mortgage loans with investors for a fee, but does not service such loans;

~~(6)~~ "Mortgage brokering activities," ~~for compensation, either directly or indirectly, assisting or offering to assist in the preparation of an application for a mortgage loan on behalf of a borrower, or negotiating or offering to negotiate the terms or conditions of a mortgage loan with any person making mortgage loans;~~

~~(7)~~ "Mortgage loan originator," ~~any person acting under the supervision of a licensee and who, for compensation or gain, takes or receives a mortgage application, assembles information, and prepares paperwork and documentation necessary for obtaining a mortgage loan or arranges for a conditional mortgage loan commitment between a borrower and a lender, or arranges for a loan commitment from a lender. The term,~~

~~mortgage loan originator, does not include an employee of a licensee whose job responsibilities are limited to clerical tasks that do not include processing of mortgage loans;~~

~~(8)(11)~~ "Mortgage lending activities," for compensation, either directly or indirectly, accepting or offering to accept applications for making mortgage loans;

(12) "Nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry," a mortgage licensing system developed and maintained by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors and the American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators for the licensing and registration of licensed mortgage loan originators;

~~(9)(13)~~ "Regional revolving loan fund," any regional revolving loan fund with a service area of at least five South Dakota counties, a designated staff for loan processing and servicing, a loan portfolio of at least one million dollars, and which is governed by a board of directors that meets at least quarterly;

(14) "Residential mortgage loan," any loan primarily for personal, family, or household use that is secured by a mortgage, deed of trust, or other equivalent consensual security interest on a dwelling, as defined in 12 C.F.R. § 226.2(19), or residential real estate upon which is constructed or intended to be constructed a dwelling;

(15) "Unique identifier," a number or other identifier assigned by protocols established by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry.

Section 2. That chapter 54-14 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the term, loan processor or underwriter, means any individual who performs clerical or support duties as an employee at the direction of and subject to the supervision and instruction of a person licensed according to this chapter, or a person

1 exempt according to this chapter. Clerical or support duties subsequent to the receipt of an
2 application include the receipt, collection, distribution, and analysis of information common for
3 the processing or underwriting of a mortgage loan; and communicating with a consumer to
4 obtain the information necessary for the processing or underwriting of a loan, to the extent that
5 the communication does not include offering or negotiating loan rates or terms, or counseling
6 consumers about mortgage loan rates or terms.

7 No individual engaging solely in loan processor or underwriter activities may represent to
8 the public, through advertising or other means of communicating or providing information
9 including the use of business cards, stationery, brochures, signs, rate lists, or other promotional
10 items, that the individual can or will perform any of the activities of a mortgage loan originator.

11 Section 3. That chapter 54-14 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
12 follows:

13 For the purposes of this chapter, the term, mortgage loan originator, means an individual
14 who for compensation or gain or in the expectation of compensation or gain takes a mortgage
15 loan application or offers or negotiates terms of a mortgage loan.

16 A mortgage loan originator does not include:

- 17 (1) An individual engaged solely as a loan processor or underwriter except as otherwise
18 provided in section 2 of this Act;
- 19 (2) An individual or entity that performs only real estate brokerage activities and is
20 licensed or registered in accordance with applicable South Dakota law, unless the
21 individual or entity is compensated by a lender, a mortgage broker, or other mortgage
22 loan originator or by any agent of such lender, mortgage broker, or other mortgage
23 loan originator; or
- 24 (3) Any individual or entity solely involved in extensions of credit relating to timeshare

1 plans, as that term is defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53D) as of January 1, 2009.

2 Section 4. That chapter 54-14 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
3 follows:

4 For the purposes of this chapter, the term, real estate brokerage activity, means any activity
5 that involves offering or providing real estate brokerage services to the public, including:

6 (1) Acting as a real estate agent or real estate broker for a buyer, seller, lessor, or lessee
7 of real property;

8 (2) Bringing together parties interested in the sale, purchase, lease, rental, or exchange
9 of real property;

10 (3) Negotiating, on behalf of any party, any portion of a contract relating to the sale,
11 purchase, lease, rental, or exchange of real property (other than in connection with
12 providing financing with respect to any such transaction);

13 (4) Engaging in any activity for which a person engaged in the activity is required to be
14 registered or licensed as a real estate agent or real estate broker under any applicable
15 law;

16 (5) Offering to engage in any activity, or act in any capacity, described in this section.

17 Section 5. That chapter 54-14 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
18 follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the term, registered mortgage loan originator, means any
20 individual who:

21 (1) Meets the definition of mortgage loan originator and is an employee of:

22 (a) A depository institution;

23 (b) A subsidiary that is owned and controlled by a depository institution and
24 regulated by a federal banking agency; or

- 1 (c) An institution regulated by the Farm Credit Administration; and
- 2 (2) Is registered with, and maintains a unique identifier through, the nationwide
- 3 mortgage licensing system and registry.

4 Section 6. That § 54-14-13 be amended to read as follows:

5 54-14-13. No person may act as a mortgage lender, mortgage brokerage, mortgage broker,

6 or mortgage loan originator in this state or use the title, ~~mortgage broker~~, mortgage lender,

7 mortgage brokerage, mortgage broker, or mortgage loan originator with respect to any property

8 located in South Dakota without first obtaining and maintaining a license, ~~or in the case of~~

9 ~~originators a registration, and undergoing a criminal background check from the division~~

10 according to the requirements of this chapter. Each person shall be licensed or registered, and

11 maintain a unique identifier through the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry.

12 Section 7. That chapter 54-14 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as

13 follows:

14 The director may not issue a mortgage loan originator license unless the director makes the

15 following findings:

- 16 (1) The applicant has never had a mortgage loan originator license revoked in any
- 17 governmental jurisdiction. No revocation for which there has been a subsequent
- 18 formal vacation of the revocation may be considered by the director;
- 19 (2) The applicant has not been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, a felony
- 20 in a domestic, foreign, or military court:
- 21 (a) During the seven year period preceding the date of the application for
- 22 licensing and registration; or
- 23 (b) At any time preceding the date of application, if the felony involved an act of
- 24 fraud, dishonesty, breach of trust, or money laundering.

No pardon of a conviction may be considered a conviction for purposes of this subdivision;

(3) The applicant has demonstrated financial responsibility, character, and general fitness such as to command the confidence of the community and to warrant a determination that the mortgage loan originator will operate honestly, fairly, and efficiently within the purposes of this chapter. For purposes of this subdivision, an applicant shows a lack of financial responsibility if the applicant has shown a disregard in the management of his or her own financial affairs. Factors to be considered may include current outstanding judgments, except judgments solely as a result of medical expenses; current outstanding tax liens or other governmental liens and filings; foreclosures within the past three years; or a pattern of seriously delinquent accounts within the past three years;

(4) The applicant has completed the pre-licensing education requirement provided for by rule pursuant to § 54-14-31;

(5) The applicant has passed a written test that meets the test requirement provided for by rule pursuant to § 54-14-31; and

(6) The applicant has met the surety bond requirement as required by § 54-14-24 and provided for by rule pursuant to § 54-14-24.

The pre-licensing education and written testing requirements in subdivisions (4) and (5) shall be met prior to license renewals being approved for the renewal period that ends on December 31, 2009, and all new licenses issued after that date.

Section 8. That § 54-14-15 be amended to read as follows:

~~54-14-15. Each applicant for licensure and registration under this chapter shall submit to a state and federal criminal background investigation by means of fingerprint checks by the~~

~~Division of Criminal Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Upon application, the Division of Banking shall submit completed fingerprint cards to the Division of Criminal Investigation. Upon completion of the criminal background check, the Division of Criminal Investigation shall forward to the Division of Banking all information obtained as a result of the criminal background check. In connection with an application for licensing as a mortgage lender, mortgage broker, or mortgage loan originator, the applicant shall furnish to the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry information concerning the applicant's identity, including:~~

- (1) Fingerprints for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and any governmental agency or entity authorized to receive such information, for a state, national, and international criminal history background check; and
- (2) Personal history and experience in a form prescribed by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry, including the submission of authorization for the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry and the director to obtain:
 - (a) An independent credit report from a consumer reporting agency described in 15 U.S.C. § 1681(a) as of January 1, 2009; and
 - (b) Information related to any administrative, civil, or criminal findings by any governmental jurisdiction.

The Division of Banking may require a state and federal criminal background check for any licensee who is the subject of a disciplinary investigation by the division. Failure to submit or cooperate with the criminal background investigation is grounds for denial of an application or may result in revocation of a license. The applicant shall pay for any fees charged for the cost of fingerprinting or the criminal background investigation. ~~Any applicant who has previously completed a background check in another jurisdiction in anticipation of receiving a license or~~

1 ~~registration in that jurisdiction may have the results of such a background check forwarded to~~
2 ~~the division in satisfaction of this requirement. However, no background check in another~~
3 ~~jurisdiction may be used if it was completed more than one year prior to application.~~

4 The director may use the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry as a channeling
5 agent for requesting information from and distributing information to the United States
6 Department of Justice or any governmental agency. The director may use the nationwide
7 mortgage licensing system and registry as a channeling agent for requesting and distributing
8 information to and from any source so directed by the director.

9 Section 9. That chapter 54-14 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
10 follows:

11 The minimum standards for license renewal for mortgage loan originators shall include the
12 following:

- 13 (1) The mortgage loan originator continues to meet the minimum standards for license
14 issuance under subdivisions (1) to (5), inclusive, of section 7 of this Act; and
15 (2) The mortgage loan originator has satisfied the annual continuing education
16 requirements provided by rule pursuant to § 54-14-31.

17 Section 10. That § 54-14-16 be amended to read as follows:

18 54-14-16. The applicant for an initial license shall submit a fee in the amount of not more
19 than two hundred fifty dollars for a mortgage loan originator, not more than five hundred dollars
20 for a mortgage broker or mortgage brokerage license, and not more than one thousand dollars
21 for a mortgage lender license. ~~The applicant for initial registration shall submit a fee in the~~
22 ~~amount of not more than two hundred fifty dollars for mortgage loan originator registration.~~ The
23 director shall establish the fees by rules promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26.

24 Section 11. That § 54-14-19 be amended to read as follows:

54-14-19. Any application for renewal of a license ~~or registration~~ under this chapter ~~must~~
shall be postmarked to the director by December first and shall be accompanied by a fee to be
established by the director by rules promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26. ~~Any license granted~~
~~by the division prior to the implementation of this chapter is valid until December 31, 2007.~~
~~However, no mortgage loan originator is required to be licensed prior to December 31, 2007.~~
The fee to transact business as a mortgage loan originator may not exceed two hundred fifty
dollars. The fee to transact business as a mortgage broker or mortgage brokerage may not
exceed five hundred dollars. The fee to transact business as a mortgage lender may not exceed
one thousand dollars. ~~The fee to register as a mortgage loan originator may not exceed two~~
~~hundred fifty dollars.~~ Any licensee or registrant that files for renewal after December first and
before January first of the next calendar year shall pay a late fee in addition to the renewal fee.
The late fee, not to exceed twenty-five percent of the renewal fee, shall be established by the
director by rules promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26. After January first no license may be
issued unless an application is filed pursuant to §§ 54-14-13 to 54-14-16, inclusive.

Section 12. That § 54-14-21 be amended to read as follows:

54-14-21. The following entities ~~and their employees and exclusive agents~~ are exempt from
the ~~provisions of~~ requirement of a mortgage lender, mortgage brokerage, or mortgage broker
license as required by this chapter:

- (1) Any state bank and its subsidiary;
- (2) Any national bank and its subsidiary;
- (3) Any bank holding company and its subsidiary;
- (4) Any other federally insured financial institution, and its holding company and
subsidiary; and
- (5) Any South Dakota chartered trust company;

1 ~~(6) Any real estate broker licensed pursuant to chapter 36-21A; and~~

2 ~~(7) Any insurance company or any person acting as an intermediary thereto, if~~
3 ~~participating in mortgage lending activities solely with its own assets and for its own~~
4 ~~portfolio.~~

5 Any registered mortgage loan originator, if acting for a depository institution, is exempt
6 from the provisions of this chapter.

7 Section 13. That chapter 54-14 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
8 follows:

9 No loan processor or underwriter who is an independent contractor may engage in the
10 activities of a loan processor or underwriter unless the loan processor or underwriter obtains and
11 maintains a license under this chapter. Each loan processor or underwriter who is an
12 independent contractor licensed as a mortgage loan originator shall have and maintain a valid
13 unique identifier issued by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry.

14 Section 14. That § 54-14-24 be amended to read as follows:

15 54-14-24. ~~Any applicant for a license~~ Each mortgage lender, mortgage brokerage, mortgage
16 broker, or mortgage loan originator shall submit with the any application, and maintain at all
17 times, a surety bond in the an amount of twenty-five thousand dollars that reflects the total
18 dollar amount of loans originated by the licensee and the licensee's employees and agents, but
19 not less than twenty-five thousand dollars. The surety bond shall be in a form and amount as
20 prescribed by the director.

21 Each mortgage loan originator and mortgage broker shall be covered by a surety bond in
22 accordance with this section. If the mortgage loan originator or mortgage broker is an employee
23 or exclusive agent of a person subject to this chapter, the surety bond of such person can be used
24 in lieu of the mortgage loan originator or mortgage broker's surety bond requirement. The surety

1 bond shall provide coverage for each mortgage loan originator and mortgage broker in an
2 amount prescribed by this section.

3 The bond shall be issued by a surety company qualified to do business as a surety in this
4 state. The bond shall be in favor of this state for the use of this state and any person who has a
5 cause of action under this chapter against the licensee. The bond shall be conditioned on:

- 6 (1) The licensee's faithful performance under this chapter and any rules adopted pursuant
7 to this chapter; and
8 (2) The payment of any amounts that are due to the state or another person during the
9 time the bond is in force.

10 The bond may be continuous, and regardless of how long the bond remains in force, the
11 aggregate liability of a surety to all persons damaged by a licensee's violation of the provisions
12 of this chapter may not exceed the amount of the bond. The bond may be cancelled by the surety
13 upon thirty days notice to the licensee and the director, and the surety's liability on the bond
14 shall also terminate upon the effective date of any suspension or revocation of the license.

15 ~~A mortgage brokerage may obtain one bond to satisfy the bond requirement for individual~~
16 ~~applicants employed by the mortgage brokerage. If an action is commenced on a licensee's bond,~~
17 ~~the director may require the filing of a new bond. Immediately upon recovery in any action on~~
18 ~~the bond the licensee shall file a new bond.~~

19 The director may promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 with respect to the requirements
20 for such surety bonds as are necessary to accomplish the purposes of this chapter.

21 Section 15. That chapter 54-14 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
22 follows:

23 The director may impose a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars
24 upon any person acting as a mortgage lender, mortgage brokerage, mortgage broker, or

1 mortgage loan originator in this state without the required license or registration. Each instance
2 of operating without a license, or holding oneself out as being authorized to conduct the
3 business authorized by this chapter, constitutes a separate violation of this chapter and subjects
4 any such person to a civil penalty for each violation. A civil penalty for a series of violations
5 may not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.

6 Section 16. That § 54-14-27 be amended to read as follows:

7 54-14-27. The director may condition, deny, decline to renew, suspend; for a period not to
8 exceed six months, or revoke a license ~~or registration~~ if the director finds:

- 9 (1) Any fact or condition exists that, if it had existed at the time the licensee ~~or registrant~~
10 applied for its license ~~or registration~~, would have been grounds for denying the
11 application;
- 12 (2) The licensee ~~or registrant~~ violated any provisions of this chapter or any rule or order
13 promulgated by the director;
- 14 (3) The licensee ~~or registrant~~ refuses to permit the director to make any examination
15 authorized by this chapter or rule promulgated pursuant to this chapter, or any federal
16 statute, rule, or regulation pertaining to mortgage lending;
- 17 (4) The licensee ~~or registrant~~ willfully fails to make any report required of this chapter;
- 18 (5) The competence, experience, character, or general fitness of the licensee ~~or registrant~~
19 indicates that it is not in the public interest to permit the licensee ~~or registrant~~ to
20 continue to conduct business;
- 21 (6) The bond of the licensee has been revoked or cancelled by the surety;
- 22 (7) The licensee or any partner, officer, director, manager, or employee of the licensee
23 has been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving any aspect of the
24 financial services business;

(8) The licensee or any partner, officer, director, manager, or employee of the licensee has had a license substantially equivalent to a license under this chapter, and issued by another state, denied, revoked or suspended under the laws of that state;

(9) The licensee ~~or registrant~~ has filed an application for a license ~~or registration~~ which as of the date the license ~~or registration~~ was issued, or as of the date of an order denying, suspending, or revoking a license ~~or registration~~, was incomplete in any material respect or contained any statement that was, in light of the circumstances under which it was made, false or misleading with respect to any material fact.

The director may revoke a license ~~or registration~~ for good cause pursuant to chapter 1-26. If the licensee is the holder of more than one license, the director may revoke any or all of the licenses.

Section 17. That § 54-14-31 be amended to read as follows:

54-14-31. The director may promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 for the pre-licensing education, written testing, continuing education, personal history, and experience checks of mortgage brokers, mortgage brokerages, mortgage lenders, and mortgage loan originators, and for the management and administration of licenses and registrations issued pursuant to this chapter.

The director may promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to establish fees required for the licensure and renewal of licenses through the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry in addition to those fees established in §§ 54-14-16 and 54-14-19. Such fees may not exceed five hundred dollars.

Section 18. That chapter 54-14 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

The director may establish relationships or contracts with the nationwide mortgage licensing

1 system and registry or other entities designated by the nationwide mortgage licensing system
2 and registry to collect and maintain records and process transaction fees or other fees related to
3 licensees or other persons subject to this chapter.

4 Section 19. That chapter 54-14 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 The director shall establish a process through rules promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26
7 to allow mortgage loan originators and mortgage brokers to challenge information entered into
8 the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry by the director.

9 Section 20. That chapter 54-14 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
10 follows:

11 The following provisions apply to the sharing of information collected and retained by the
12 director during the administration of this chapter:

- 13 (1) Except as otherwise provided in 12 U.S.C. § 5111 as of January 1, 2009, the
14 requirements under any federal law or § 51A-2-35 regarding privacy or
15 confidentiality of any information or material provided to the nationwide mortgage
16 licensing system and registry, and any privilege arising under federal or state law
17 (including the rules of any federal or state court) with respect to the information or
18 material, continue to apply to the information or material after the information or
19 material has been disclosed to the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry.

20 The information and material may be shared with all state and federal regulatory
21 officials with mortgage industry oversight authority without the loss of privilege or
22 the loss of confidentiality protections by federal law or § 51A-2-35;

- 23 (2) No information or material that is subject to a privilege or confidentiality under this
24 section is subject to:

1 (a) Disclosure under any federal or state law governing the disclosure to the
2 public of information held by an officer or an agency of the federal
3 government or the respective state; or

4 (b) Subpoena or discovery, or admission into evidence, in any private civil action
5 or administrative process, unless with respect to any privilege held by the
6 nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry with respect to the
7 information or material, the person to whom the information or material
8 pertains waives, in whole or in part, in the discretion of the person, that
9 privilege.

10 This section does not apply with respect to the information or material relating to the
11 employment history of, and publicly adjudicated disciplinary and enforcement actions against,
12 mortgage loan originators that is included in the nationwide mortgage licensing system and
13 registry for access by the public.

14 Section 21. That chapter 54-14 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
15 follows:

16 Each mortgage lender, mortgage brokerage, mortgage broker, and mortgage loan originator
17 shall submit to the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry reports of condition,
18 which shall be in such form and shall contain such information as the director establishes
19 through rules promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26.

20 Section 22. That chapter 54-14 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
21 follows:

22 The director shall report on a regular basis violations of this chapter, as well as enforcement
23 actions and other relevant information, to the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry
24 subject to the provisions contained in section 20 of this Act.

Section 23. That chapter 54-14 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

The following are exempt from the requirement of obtaining a mortgage loan originator license:

- (1) Any individual who offers or negotiates terms of a mortgage loan with or on behalf of an immediate family member of the individual;
- (2) Any individual who offers or negotiates terms of a residential mortgage loan secured by a dwelling that served as the individual's residence; or
- (3) A licensed attorney who negotiates the terms of a mortgage loan on behalf of a client as an ancillary matter to the attorney's representation of the client, unless the attorney is compensated by a lender, mortgage brokerage, mortgage broker, or other mortgage loan originator or by any agent of the lender, mortgage broker, or other mortgage loan originator.

Section 24. That § 54-14-20 be amended to read as follows:

54-14-20. The State of South Dakota, any political subdivision of the state, and any quasi-governmental organization created by an executive order of the State of South Dakota and any subsidiary of such organization; any nonprofit corporation formed pursuant to chapter 47-22; any nonprofit United States Treasury Community Development Financial Institution, Small Business Administration Certified Development Company, or Regional Revolving Loan Fund; or any commercial club, chamber of commerce, or industrial development corporation formed pursuant to § 9-12-11 or 9-27-37 is ~~subject to this chapter but exempt from initial license fees, renewal fees, criminal background checks, the years of service requirement in § 54-14-22, any continuing education requirements, and surety bond requirements under this chapter~~ exempt from the requirements of this chapter.

1 Section 25. That § 54-14-22 be amended to read as follows:

2 54-14-22. Any person, ~~including a mortgage loan originator~~, shall complete the equivalent
3 of two years of service under the supervision and direction of a licensed mortgage broker,
4 mortgage brokerage, or mortgage lender, or another jurisdiction's equivalent thereof, before that
5 person is eligible to apply for a mortgage broker's, mortgage brokerage's, or mortgage lender's
6 license. No mortgage broker, mortgage brokerage, or mortgage lender, ~~or mortgage loan~~
7 ~~originator~~ is eligible for a license without such training and experience. The director may
8 promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 with regard to such training and experience. Any
9 person licensed as a mortgage broker or mortgage lender with the director prior to July 1, 2007,
10 is exempt from this requirement.

11 Section 26. That § 54-14-25 be amended to read as follows:

12 54-14-25. Any person, who without first obtaining a license or registration under this
13 chapter, engages in the business or occupation of, or advertises or holds the person out as, or
14 claims to be, or temporarily acts as, a mortgage broker, mortgage brokerage, mortgage lender,
15 or mortgage loan originator in this state is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor and may be held
16 responsible for all costs of prosecution, including restitution.